

REMARKS


In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect species 1 of the hurricane shutter drawn to FIGS 1-7 for initial prosecution. FIGS 1-7 relate to a Bahamas style version of applicant's invention. The remaining unelected species illustrated in FIGS 8-10 show a Colonial style version of applicants' invention.

Many of the claims apply to both versions and thus may be considered generic. For instance, independent claim 1 and claims 2-8, which are dependent on claim 1, appear to be generic. Claim 9 applies exclusively to the Bahamas style invention. Claims 11-13 also appear to be generic. Independent claim 14 and the claims dependent thereon, specifically Claims 3 and 15-20 apply exclusively to the Bahamas style version of the invention.

In view of the above, applicants hereby elect claims 1-9 and 11-20 for initial prosecution. The unelected claims, specifically independent claims 10 and 21-27 apply exclusively to the Colonial style and are not elected. However, applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on these claims at a later date.

Now that this election/restriction has been made, Applicants look forward to an expeditious prosecution of the application. Should the examiner have any questions in response to this election, a call to the undersigned attorney of record is invited.

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